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Current Listing of The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1-93. (Cancelled).

94. (Previously Presented) A method for treating a mammal suffering from or susceptible to diseases causing apoptosis or apoptosis-like death of cells, except for treatment of immune deficiency, which comprises administering to the mammal a composition comprising ginseng extracts, or ginseng components, its metabolites or salts thereof, wherein doses or dosages of ginseng extracts are adjusted to between 145 pg/kg/day and 1450 µg/kg/day, and those of ginseng components are adjusted to between 1.67 pg/kg/day and 1.67 mg/kg/day.

95-107. (Cancelled).

- 108. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 94, wherein the cells are nerve cells or neurons.
- 109. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 108, wherein the diseases causing apoptosis or apoptosis-like death of nerve cells or neurons is cerebral infarction or cerebral apoplexy.

Claims 110-116 (Cancelled)

117. (Previously Presented) The method according to any one of claims 94, 108

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and 109, wherein the composition comprises crude saponin fraction and it is administered intravenously in a dose range of 14.5 μ g/kg/day to 1450 μ g/kg/day.

- 118. (Previously Presented) The method according to any one of claims 94, 108 and 109, wherein the composition comprises crude saponin fraction and it is administered intravenously in a dose range of 145 pg/kg/day to 145 µg/kg/day.
- 119. (Previously Presented) The method according to any one of claims 94, 108 and 109, wherein the composition comprises ginsenoside Rb₁ and it is administered intravenously in a dose range of 0.167 μ g/kg/day to 1.67 mg/kg/day.
- 120. (Previously Presented) The method according to any one of claims 94, 108 and 109, wherein the composition comprises ginsenoside Rb₁ and it is administered intravenously in a dose range of 1.67pg/kg/day to 1.67mg/kg/day.